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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

12-CONS-265-CUIC
HARTZLER LEASE DOCKET

Docket # E21983

PROTEST TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR SALTWATER INJECTION

COMES NOW, L.D. and Cheryl McCormick by and through their counsel
Nicholas J. Heiman, and would protest the granting of a permit to authorize saltwater
injection to Steven A. Leis. In support therefore, McCormick's would state:

1. The name and address of the protestors are: L.D. McCormick and Cheryl McCormick, 1266 80th Rd, Yates Center, KS 66783.
2. L.D. and Cheryl McCormick are the owners of the property subject to the oil and gas lease, and royalty owners, in which the applicant, Steven Leis, is requesting a permit to conduct saltwater injection upon.
3. The land that is the subject of the applications for saltwater injection is used by the McCormicks as pasture land as well as for haying to maintain their cattle operation.
4. During the time which Steven Leis has been the operator on the Hartzler

lease, there has been continued mismanagement, waste and spills that had gone unreported by the operator.

5. The applications indicate that the last tests ran on the wells were completed in 1982, with no subsequent testing having been completed.
6. There are multiple well heads that have rusted off and some casings are going bad.
7. There have already been 2 saltwater leaks and 1 oil leak in the past 4 to 5 months.
8. Should the applicant, Steven Leis, be allowed permits to begin saltwater injection, if any saltwater under pressure backs up these wells, there is no way to shut them off which would result in waste and damage to the surface.
9. Further, there is a fear by the McCormick's, that should Mr. Leis begin injecting water in these 5 wells, their production will go down, and surrounding leases production will increase, to the detriment of the McCormick's.

WHEREFORE, the Protestors, L.D. and Cheryl McCormick pray that the applications for permits to conduct saltwater injection be denied.

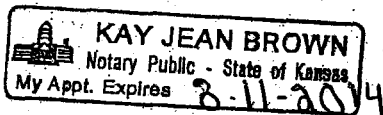
VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WOODSON: §

L.D. McCormick, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: I am the Protestor in the above captioned action, I have read the above and foregoing Protest, and know that the allegations therein made are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L.D. McCormick
L.D. MCCORMICK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of May, 2012.



Kay Jean Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WOODSON: §

Cheryl McCormick, being first duly sworn, upon her oath states: I am the Protestor in the above captioned action, I have read the above and foregoing Protest, and know that the allegations therein made are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl McCormick
CHERYL MCCORMICK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of May, 2012.



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SUBMITTED BY:



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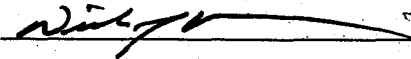
Counsel for McCormicks

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 3rd, 2012, a true and accurate copy of the above and foregoing was () delivered to the Courthouse mailbox, (X) placed in the United States mail postage prepaid, to the following:

TO: **Steven A. Leis**, 1092 Osage Rd., Yates Center, KS 66783

Alan Snider, Kansas Corporation Commission, Finney State Office Building, 130 S. Market, Room 2078, Wichita, KS 67202



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